

**Consultation Workshop on
Kerala Inland Fishery Bill- 2010
&
Wetland Regulatory Frame Work**

Date: 8th June 2010

Venue: Hotel Royal Park, Alappuzha

Organized by



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Dear All,

With the objective of combining the existing bills related to Inland fisheries, Government of Kerala has recently notified a draft “Kerala Inland Fishery Bill (2010).” This draft bill is under the scrutiny of the subject committee of the Kerala Legislative Assembly and is now available for public consultation. This bill is a landmark as it replaces the century old Indian fisheries act (1897) and the Travancore – Cochin fisheries act (1950).

However, in the public consultations there were no adequate representation from the traditional fishermen of the inland fisheries sector, especially from the Vembanad region and they are apprehensive about the Bill. In this backdrop, ATREE is organizing a state level consultation workshop to create a common platform for the exchange of views between the experts and stakeholders, analyzing the various clauses in the bill and to suggest suitable modifications to the benefit of the community and the sustainable management of fishery resources.

We request you to kindly make it convenient to participate in this workshop and enrich the discussions, so that we can come out with valuable suggestions for the improvement of the bill for the benefit of fishermen and fishery resources in the inland sector.

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Programme

10.00 am-Welcome

10.15- 12.00 – Expert panel presentations –

Dr. Madhusoodana Kurup (Director, Department of Industrial Fish and Fisheries , CUSAT),

Dr. K.G. Padma Kumar (Director. RARS),

Dr. Jayachandran (Fisheries college, Panangad),

Shri. Sanjeev Ghosh (Additional Director of Fisheries (rtd)),

Dr. Benno Pereira (Head, Dept. of Aquaculture, St Albert’s College, Ernakulum)

Moderator: Dr. Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan, ATREE

12-00-1.30 p.m- open discussions –participants

2.15- 3.00 pm- Draft Wetland Regulatory Framework bill (Ministry of Environment and Forests)– Highlights and discussions

3.00-4.00 pm- Summing up and drafting